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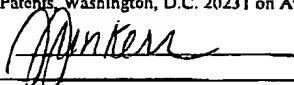
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Examiner Steve Gravini of August 14, 2000, Applicants' undersigned representative hereby provides with this Communication a copy of the continued prosecution application filed in the above-referenced patent application on March 29, 2000. A copy of the continued prosecution application is being provided to the Examiner because the Examiner stated that there is no continued prosecution application in the physical Patent Office file, although the computer reflects that payment was received for a continued prosecution application fee on March 31, 2000.

A copy of the continued prosecution application papers are enclosed herewith, including a signed certificate under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 of mailing using Express Mail and a stamped postcard indicating receipt of the continued prosecution application by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the continued prosecution application be acted upon. Applicants further request entry of Applicants' amendment filed June 29, 2000 as a preliminary

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amendment. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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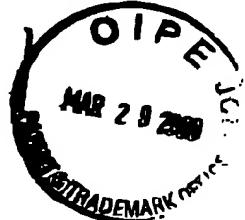
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